

Arkansas Anchor & Star

National Society United States Daughters of 1812

Sharon Stanley Wyatt, Arkansas State President

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From Your President:

Dear Daughters,

There is excitement in the air... the air that even smells differently in the fall!

The *Anchor and Star* editor graciously sends a preview of our newsletter so I am amazed in advance by the many State 1812 sanctioned activities that continue to fill our calendars!

Did you know Arkansas Society U.S. Daughters of 1812 is a donor whose name appears on the printed "Tales of the Crypt" program? Do not miss this annual event!

Our society is recognized as an important player in the history of the Louisiana Purchase therefore we were contacted to participate in the celebration of the "Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase Land Survey." State Veterans Chair, Sheila Beatty and your state president will be traveling to Marianna, Arkansas to set up and man a booth that will educate the public of the connection of the War of 1812 and the Louisiana Purchase.

Again, I want to personally invite you to the marking of the grave of my 1812 patriot, David Rushing! The Rushing Cemetery is located just off Scenic Highway 7, also known as, National Scenic Byway 7, which runs south through Arkansas from Missouri to Louisiana. A dedication service is being planned for the day worthy of a founder of Pope County and veteran of the War of 1812.

This being October 1, State Treasurer, Judy Coleman has received all chapter dues and is preparing to make her National dues report. Good job chapter treasurers and GREAT job, Judy!

Let us continue to strive to "fulfill the Purposes of the National Society Daughters of 1812."

Sharon

Please note the following in your new Yearbook:

Baseline-Meridian Chapter: Virginia Frost
email change: VirginiaFrost77@yahoo.com

Simon Bradford Chapter: Dora Kate Lee has moved and also has a new phone and email: 1007 S. Spring St., Searcy, AR 72143; 501-380-8286; dklee@cablelynx.com

Simon Bradford: Dixie Avey has a new email: dixieavey2@gmail.com



Our condolences to **Betty Korbus**. Her cherished husband Bert, went to be with the Lord September 11th. Words are never enough, but Betty our prayers are with you.

Our prayers also go out to **Teresa Clark and Lisa Winkelman** and their family who lost their sister, Linda D. Sosebee, September 26. It is hard to lose a sibling.

State Website Chair Appointed

From Sharon: "I have appointed Patricia Trudell "State Website Chair." Patricia has volunteered to work with National Website Chair Barbara Doody in up-dating our state website. If you have pertinent information you would like to see included on our state website, please contact Patti at: usd1812.nwa@gmail.com Sharon"

And from Patti: "All are welcome to submit anything and everything to me they may like for the website, with Sharon Wyatt and I finalizing whether it should be posted or not. (don't want recipes! LOL LOL). Patti"

A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR

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In April Mrs. Carlton Fox and Mrs. Gilliam Lawton were hostesses to the Simon Bradford Chapter, Pine Bluff. Mrs. Fred Hilton gave a resume of the year's work. The chapter observed Memorial Day by placing a wreath on Memorial Marker, flags and flowers on the graves of 1812 soldiers; a

magnolia tree was planted on the memorial plot in Graceland Cemetery in memory of the men from Jefferson County who gave their lives in the Korean War.



On October 17th, in celebration of the **Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase Land Survey**, living historians will portray Joseph C. Brown and his survey crew which landed at the confluence of the St. Francis and Mississippi Rivers in 1815.

This began their survey west to help establish the initial point for land survey of the Louisiana Purchase. Join them to discover just what it took to be a surveyor 200 years ago. The celebration will be held at the Mississippi River State Park, 2955 Highway 44, Marianna, AR 72360. Admission is free and the state society will have a booth commemorating the 6,000 War of 1812 Bounty Land Grants in Arkansas made possible by this survey.

Flag Trivia

The Union Battle Flags



The Union battle flags of the American Civil War come in many different designs and with many different stories. From flags based closely on the "Stars and Stripes" design (like the flag of the 123rd Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer

Infantry shown here) to flags representing the collective heritage of a given regiment (like the flags of the Irish Brigade). Each flag is interesting to look at, and each flag has an interesting story to go with it.

In the Union Army, each regiment carried a United States flag and their regimental colors (or battle flag). These flags identified the units to their commander, but they were also very important to the men who fought under them.

Just as was the case in the Confederate Army, individual regiments were identified by their battle flags, and they held those flags more dear than just about anything else. Many of the Union Army's Medal of Honor recipients received their citations for flag related actions. At least one Medal of Honor recipient received his award within 90 days of taking a Confederate battle flag, and his citation simply read, "Capture of flag." [From <http://www.americancivilwarstory.com/union-battle-flag.html>] [Editor's note: Many of these Flags can be seen in military museums]

Chapters & State Chairmen:
Please send your news and photos to me for

inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you. *Your Editor.*

Star Spangled Banner Day Proclamations Received from City Mayors



Pine Bluff Mayor Debi Hollingsworth presenting September 14, 2015 "Star Spangled Banner Day" Proclamation to Simon Bradford Chapter President, MarJo Dill and Arkansas Society U.S. Daughters of 1812 President Sharon S. Wyatt.



Hot Springs Mayor Ruth Carney presenting Star Spangled Banner Day Proclamation to Baseline-Meridian Vice President Mary Ellen Laursen and Arkansas Honorary State President Sheila Beatty.

U.S.D. 1812 Committee Corner: Insignia

From our Insignia Chairman National



Purchase the "O Say Can You See" pin for \$35.00 including postage. This is a beautiful pin and available from this chairman. To own this gorgeous pin send your

check payable to Treasurer National U.S.D.1812 and send to U.S.D.1812 c/o Janisue Rigel, 10809 West

Timberwagon Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77380-4030. This pin **cannot** be worn on the official ribbon [*Editor: however you can wear it anytime and it can also be worn as a pendant*]. You can see this pin on the National web site. Thank you for supporting U.S.D.1812 in purchasing the available extra pins.

State Insignia Chairmen please report your activities in January on the Insignia Reporting Form. If you have nothing to report, please write **NO ACTIVITY** and send to me. I love to give awards and certificates for reporting.

Should you need any assistance, please telephone me 281-292-4766 or email me janisue@aol.com. Questions and problems can usually be answered. If I don't know the answer, I will find it for you. I have the insignia form and flyers etc., on my computer and I will be happy to email you these to send to all of your membership.

If you are new to 1812 as an Insignia Chairman may I suggest you contact Hamilton Insignia 1-800-786-1890. Request they send you the appropriate forms to provide to your membership. The forms include applications, the beautiful 1812 flyer and the card for "branch bar pins." You may also want to ask Hamilton for small swatches of the "sash ribbons" where your members can easily recognize which sash goes with which position. (You will also find this on the web site).

Wearing our beautiful 1812 Insignia is an honor showing appreciation to our ancestors who gave so much for us. Wishing you a marvelous year.

Janisue Rigel, Insignia Chairman National



EMAIL SCAM ALERTS:

A Message from our National Webmaster



As your National Webmaster, I want to take a moment to remind members to be cautious when opening email. Email scams are all too common these days. The scammers are getting so good that sometimes it is difficult to differentiate between legitimate emails and scams.

One recent message I received was from Pay Pal. Or at least it looked like it was from Pay Pal. The message came in to the National Society's email account (contact@usdaughters1812.org) and indicated "my account had been set up" and it instructed me to click on a link in the email, to confirm the account. When I looked at the address from which the email was sent, I could identify it was not a legitimate Pay Pal address. I did not click on any links, I marked it as spam, and I deleted it. Obviously, this was a phishing scam. Seeing they

sent this to the National Society, states and chapters should be on the lookout for this scam.

What is Phishing?

Email hoaxes are often termed "phishing." This term refers to instances where scammers send out a mass emails to every address he or she has managed to obtain, by whatever method. They are "phishing" for information. The hope is at least a few people will be gullible enough within the mass emailing to respond, and send cash or personal account details. In a nutshell, they want cash or identifying information that can give them access to sources of cash. Links inside emails as such, can plant tracking and scanning sources on your system. From there, they can scan your hard drive looking for personal information and/or track your movements on-line to target your buying habits so they can solicit you.

How to spot an Email Hoax, or Phishing Scam:

- Be especially cautious of emails sent from unrecognized senders or ask you to confirm personal or financial information over the internet and/or ask urgent requests for this information. Ex: Credit Alert: Urgent – click here.
- Rule of thumb: **never** give out personal information by email or phone. Your bank, cell/mobile phone company, other utilities, as well as other companies will never send you emails asking for personal information. One, they already have your personal information so they don't need it. Two, if by chance they do need to contact you, for whatever reason, they will call you. **HOWEVER**, phone calls scams are also very common and we need to be cautious here too. One tip I would like to share is if a company you do business with does call you asking for personal information, tell them you cannot take the call right now. After you get off the phone, call the company yourself directly (9 times out of 10, they will tell you they never called you). Unless you change your personal information, utility and other companies we all do business with, already have your current information. They would have no need to contact you unless there is some kind of change in their policy. Banks do this frequently, but in those cases, by law, they must send you this information by U.S. mail.
- **BE SMART: You will never win money, a free cruise, or an all-expenses paid vacation, AND your friends are not stranded overseas. Toss any emails as such right in the trash.**
- **Never, never, never** click on links, download files or open attachments in emails from unknown senders.
- Check the sender's email address. A message from verizon.com, for example, would be noreply@verizon.com. An email with a return address of accounts@verizon1.com, is a fake address. In my case, the Pay Pal address was from accounts@info.com No mention of Pay Pal at all.

• And, my last tip is if you receive an email from a known friend, perhaps a joke or something entertaining, and there is a link in it, manually type the address into your web browser. Don't click on the link. Links plant viruses, tracking cookies, and all sorts of other things on your computer.

I hope this is helpful and wish you all safe and happy emailing.

Jan Johnpier

National Webmaster, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812

U.S.D. 1812 Attends Silver Star Ceremony



U.S.D. 1812 members and prospective member Cindy Smith, AR State Society President United States Daughters of 1812, Sharon Wyatt, Silver Star Recipient James Smith, Sandra Poore and Mary Ellen Johnson (not pictured Sheila Beatty)

After 49 years, Vietnam War hero James F. Smith received the Silver Star for heroism at a ceremony held at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock on September 1, 2015.

James Smith was born and raised in Arkansas. Shortly after graduation he got a job at what was, at that time, the Cotton Belt Railroad. After only a few months, he was drafted into the Army and left for basic training December 3, 1964. He was 21 when his unit received orders for Vietnam. James served as a foot Soldier carrying an M60 machine gun until the final battle where his platoon suffered heavy casualties and he was badly wounded.



From his citation: "On July 3, 1955, while serving with Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in support of operations in the Republic of Vietnam, while on patrol, Specialist Four Smith's unit discovered an enemy base camp close to the Cambodian border and was ambushed by a large enemy force. Specialist Four Smith went prone next to a comrade shot through the pelvis. Without regard for his own personal safety, Specialist Four Smith exposed himself to cut a piece of cloth from his shirt, using it as a bandage to stop the bleeding, thus saving the man's life. Later, Specialist Four Smith ran into the open field, again exposing himself to heavy fire, to retrieve weapons and ammunition from both dead enemy and American Soldiers for the remaining few men to defend their positions. Though completely surrounded and badly wounded, Specialist Four

Smith continued to fearlessly engage the enemy until help arrived."

Thirty-nine (39) years later he was able to be reunited with the few platoon survivors of his unit at a reunion in Missouri. His comrades were shocked he had never been recognized for his bravery and started the process to rectify it. A humble man, James Smith never sought any recognition. The Silver Star is a United States military decoration and is the third highest medal for valor, following the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. *[Editor's note: James Smith is a personal friend of Sharon and Sandra. Their husbands worked with him on the railroad.]*

Happy Birthday Thomas H. Flippin Chapter!!



Saturday, September 19, the Thomas H. Flippin Chapter in Bella Vista celebrated their 1st Anniversary. Pictured above from left to right are Amber Friday-Brown, Barbara Hart, Alice Tidwell, President Patti Trudell, Arvetta Swift, and Cathy Babbit. Associate member, Becky Feaster, took the photo. Officers and chairmen presented annual reports, the Charter was displayed for members and a special cake with coffee was enjoyed. We are planning for the new year with a history project to



present to the children of Bella Vista. **Patti**

Thomas H. Flippin Chapter Member Celebrates her 87th Birthday with her Chapter

From Becky Babbit Feaster, Associate Member of the Chapter: *My mom was inducted into the Thomas H. Flippin Chapter in Bella Vista, AR, on the 19th of this month. It was also a celebration of this chapter's 1st year anniversary... and mom's 87th birthday! I'm so proud to be in U.S.D.1812 with her. I*

am an associate member of this chapter and a full member of Thomas Bay Chapter in Conroe, TX. The 3rd picture is mom with her U.S.D. 1812 certificates. Big thanks to the ladies of Thomas H. Flippin chapter!!!!



Cathy Babbit with her National Certificate, her Arkansas State Bicentennial Certificate and her Thomas H. Flippin Charter Member Certificate. Happy Birthday Cathy!

**From Alice Lloyd College News:
June Buchanan School**

The June Buchanan School (JBS) was founded in 1984 to serve local children in grades kindergarten through twelve who had a desire for smaller classrooms and personalized education. Over the course of the JBS's 30 years in operation, students from all walks of life have passed through its halls, forever impacted by the values and traditions left behind by Alice Lloyd and Dr. June Buchanan. The JBS boasts over 300 graduates who have gone on to serve their communities by becoming educators, lawyers, doctors, nurses, politicians, and leaders in the profession they have chosen. [Editor: Thanks to Mary Reid Warner for providing this article]

**U.S.D. 1812 Assists with
POW/MIA Remembrance Day**



Courtney Renshaw, 92, a World War II veteran and former POW, celebrates with his daughters, Kay Fellone (left) and Dena Gunderson, after he was

awarded several medals, including a Bronze Star, during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the state Capitol.

Once again, the ladies of U.S.D. 1812 and UDC teamed and assisted with the POW/MIA Remembrance Day at the State Capitol on September 18th. The ladies folded the programs and then distributed to the approximately 100 people in attendance. Thanks to Mary Ellen Laursen and Sheila Beatty of Baseline-Meridian Chapter, U.S.D. 1812 and Lynda Kerr of Gen. T.J. Churchill Chapter UDC for rearranging their schedules and answering the call for help sent by Andrea Fisher, Survivor Outreach Services Senior Lead Coordinator HRCI Contractor at Camp Robinson. Mark your calendars for next year at be a part of this event as Andrea has stated this will be an annual event.



**National Society United States
Daughters of 1812,
Arkansas Society**

**Cordially Invites You to Witness the
Dedication of the War of 1812 Grave
Marker Celebrating the Service of**

**David Rushing
1785-1845**

**A Patriot who served in the War of 1812
And a Founding Father of Pope County
Fourth great-grandfather of U.S.D. 1812
State President Sharon Stanley Wyatt**

To be held

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

**Rushing Cemetery, Rushing Community,
Dover, Pope County, Arkansas**

**Directions: From the junction of Highways 7
and 27 in Dover, go north on Highway 7 for 2.2
miles to Rushing Road. Turn left and go 4.1
miles to cemetery sign. Turn left through
metal gate and go .3 mile to cemetery.**

**From Your Editor: I believe there will be
car-pooling from your areas (I know for
sure from Hot Springs, Hot Springs Village
and Pine Bluff). All are encouraged to
attend. President Sharon has arranged for
Color Guard, Bag Pipes and a big "to do."
Many Rushing descendants will be in
attendance. Proclamations have been
issued and the Press has been invited.**

Please support our State President and U.S.D. 1812 by your attendance.

Our Veterans



Winter is just around the corner and we are reminded again of the many needs of our indigent Veterans. As of 9/1/15, following is a partial needs list and volunteer opportunities list issued by Voluntary Services of

Central Arkansas:

Needs: (** dire need)

- Blankets
- Body Wash large containers
- Bus Fare
- Chap Stick and other protective emollients
- Combs/brushes
- Dental Denture adhesive
- Deodorant Men's & Women's **
- Gloves
- Hair care products
- Hats
- Jackets Hoodies Fleece,
- Liquid Laundry soap
- Men's Jeans or Kakis all sizes (size 30-34 **)
- Reading glasses 1.00 - 2.50
- Shoe laces
- Shoes new or used sizes 8-13
- Single Blade Razors **
- Swear Pants sizes XL-XXXL Dark Colors
- Sweat Shirts sizes XL to XXXL Dark Colors
- Underwear Men's Med-Large

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Activities Cart
- Audiology Clinic Administrative Assistance
- Coffee Call
- Computer Lab
- Escort Patient Transport LR & NLR
- Golf Carts/Patient Escorts
- Information Desk
- Library LR
- Master Gardeners
- Meal Mates
- Mental Health Service Admin Assistance
- Move Program Patient Facilitator
- Music Therapy
- No Veteran Dies Alone
- Patient Reminder phone calls
- Pet Therapy
- Physical Medicine Rehab NLR
- Popcorn Poppers NLR & LR
- Recreational Activities CLC
- Surgical Waiting Room LR
- Transportation Drivers
- Veterans Advisory Councils Committees
- Voluntary Service Clerk
- Wood Shop Volunteer

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT THE WAR OF 1812

Around 3,000 American slaves escaped to the British side during the War of 1812 when the British offered them their freedom and settled some of them in Nova Scotia. Other slaves escaped during the chaos of the war. After the war, the British agreed to pay \$1,204,960 to Washington for compensation to slave owners.

Arkansas Genealogical Society 2015 Fall Conference



Featured Speaker: **Paula Stuart-Warren**

Date and Location: October 2-3, 2015, Wyndham Hotel, #2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR

U.S.D. 1812 Supports Mount Holly Cemetery



Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock, is the final resting place of **17 patriots of the War of 1812** and

through donations, U.S.D. 1812 supports the cemetery's annual "Tales of the Crypt." Drama students from Parkview Arts & Science Magnet High School are each given a person buried in the cemetery to research. They then prepare short monologues or dialogues, complete with period costumes, to be performed in front of the researched person's grave. Audiences are led through the cemetery from grave to grave by guides with candles. Although it takes place around the same time as Halloween, the event is meant to be historic rather than spooky. The 21st Annual "Tales of the Crypt" will be held at Mount Holly Cemetery, 1200 South Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.** Admission is free to the public, however donations to Mount Holly Cemetery are appreciated and aid in the maintenance of the cemetery. State Secretary Kay Tatum has arranged for us to be on the VIP list so we will not have to wait in line. Be at the entrance by 5:30 for a wonderful tour!

Mark Your Calendars
102nd State Council to be held in Pine Bluff in
Saturday, February 20, 2016